

Outline – April 9, 2023
John 11:25-27
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 51-57

For Many Life Feels Dreadful

- I. **The words of Bertrand Russell**
 - A. An Agnostic who wanted to be an Atheist
 - B. Has outlook on life
 - 1. Dreadful
 - 2. Intolerable
 - C. The path of all humanity leads to the grave

- II. **What the Bible says about death**
 - A. The wages of sin is death
 - B. It is the enemy of humanity
 - C. Our days are numbered
 - D. No one is immune
 - 1. Young or old
 - 2. Rich or poor
 - E. Some try to ignore it, evade it, mask it, scoff at it.

- III. **The uncertainty of philosophy**
 - A. The question posed to Socrates
 - 1. Is there life after death?
 - 2. His reply "I hope so"
 - B. Oscar Wilde declared, very few live, most of us only exits

- IV. **The proclamation of Messiah**
 - A. I am the resurrection and the life
 - B. He who believes in me though they die, yet shall they live
 - C. I once was dead, but now I am alive forevermore
 - D. This promise, this proclamation, this event is the cornerstone of our faith

- V. **The immovable evidence**

- VI. **Our resurrection process**
 - A. New creation
 - B. New joyful heart
 - C. New assurance
 - D. New hope
 - E. New love
 - F. New body
 - G. You escape from your coffin

VII. What Jesus did to death

- A. Defeated it
- B. Took away it's sting
- C. No longer is the feared enemy
 - 1. Disarmed
 - 2. Detanged
 - 3. Dethroned
- D. Paul writes "for me to live is Christ to die is gain"

VIII. What does this mean for you?

- A. Our final enemy has been defeated
- B. We too will rise
- C. We will have a glorious new body
- D. It will happen in the "twinkling of an eye"
- E. We shall all be changed
- F. Next major event on God's prophetic calendar
- G. It can happen anytime

IX. In the meantime

- A. Remember we are people of the resurrection
- B. We are people of the word
- C. We are to be stead fast
- D. Immovable
- E. Stand for truth
- F. Live in grace
- G. Walk in love

We Embrace And Offer The Gift